Rockingham County Recreation

After School Program Parent Handbook 2014-2015







Rockingham County Department of Parks & Recreation

Main Office:

20 East Gay Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802 (540) 564-3160 (540)574-5179 (fax)

If you have any questions regarding the program, you must call the After School number listed here or Recreation Department.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE

After School Sites:

Cub Run	476-2916
Fulks Run	476-2919
John C. Myers	271-1834
John Wayland	476-2918
Lacey Springs	578-1599
McGaheysville	476-1656
Mtn. View	578-6016
Ottobine	879-3406
Peak View	476-2917
Pleasant Valley	578-6015

*Please note these telephone numbers are only answered between the hours of 2:45–6:00pm.

Administration

The After School program is administered by Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Department. Concerns or questions about this program should be discussed directly with the after school Site Director. If you feel your concerns have not been adequately resolved after discussion with the Site Director, please contact Rockingham Recreation Department at 564-3160 and speak with Ashton Rawley, Recreation Program Supervisor or Kathy McQuain, Director.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for choosing Rockingham County Parks and Recreation as your after school care provider. For over 17 years, RCPR has provided safe and enjoyable afterschool experiences in a safe and comfortable environment.

Our staff strives to meet the diverse individual and collective needs of the participants. Each day your child will have the opportunity for creative, play, project and nutritional time. Each site has also added a service learning component for the children and parents to participate in giving back to the community.

One of our key elements is "play". Through the activities we offer, we are hoping to help your child develop life-long leisure and recreational skills.

This parent handbook will familiarize you with payment options, operating hours, schedules, policies and procedures. We encourage you to take the time to review and become familiar with this information. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 540-564-3160 or arawley@rockinghamcountyva.gov

Sincerely, Ashton Rawley Recreation Programs Supervisor

Purpose and Philosophy

Rockingham County After School program works in partnership with our families, schools and community to provide a fun and nurturing program that meets the diverse needs of our children in a safe and caring environment.

Program Information

Each participant will have the daily opportunity for:

- Creative Time: supervised arts and crafts, drama or music activities
- *Play Time:* active games, sports and fun fitness
- Project Time: task-oriented activities to stimulate creativity and challenge skills
- Nutritional Time: healthy snacks and nutritional education

Program Objectives

- To promote the development and improvement of personal and character skills such as safety, good health, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness and citizenship.
- To promote the development and improvement of social and interpersonal skills such as acceptance of others, cooperation and conflict resolution.
- To increase exposure to and knowledge of a variety of recreational and leisure activities.
- To have fun with peers in a safe, fun and social environment.

About Our Staff

Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of each child in the program. Staff is selected based on their educational background, experience and commitment to working with children. In addition, staff is required to have criminal history and other background checks, as well as, training in policies and procedures, safety, child development, behavior management and recreation programming.

In keeping with our commitment to safety, our staff is certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. At least two staff members must be present at all times during hours of operation. Our staff to participant ratio will be no greater than 1:20 – most of the time our programs strive to exceed that standard with a ratio of 1:15.

General Information

After School Sites:
Cub Run
Fulks Run
John C. Myers
John Wayland
Lacey Spring
McGaheysville
Mountain View
Ottobine
Peak View

Before School Sites: Mountain View

Dates / Hours / Age:

Pleasant Valley

- August 19, 2014 to June 4, 2015 (Planned early release dates <u>are</u> included)
- After School school dismissal to 6pm
- Before School 7am to school start
- Pre-K through 5th grade

Registration Info

- Pre-Registration is required for admission to the After/Before School program
- Registrations are accepted on a firstcome, first served basis
- A \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee is issued and must be paid at the time of registration
- Completed Registration Form
- Parent Handbook Agreement & Picture Release (on registration form)
- Emergency Medical Care Information & Medication Authorization Form
 *All registration information and fees must be received in order for registration to be complete, one week prior to start date

Special Programs Offered

Day Camps: Offered on certain days in which school is scheduled to be closed. Day Camps require a minimum number of participants. If there are not enough participants, the day camp site may be cancelled. Parents can receive a full refund or transfer their enrollment to a different site.

Sites: Cub Run, John Wayland, Mtn. View & John C. Myers

Work Days:

October 24 January 19 November 3 & 4 February 13

Spring Break: March 30-April 3

Hours: 7:30am - 6pm

Age: Pre-K through 5th grade

Punch Pass: This is designed as a courtesy for the parent who only occasional needs to use the After School program. To use your punch pass, you must call the After School site to inform them of your child's attendance before the day of attendance.

- Registration Form is required
- Registration fee is waived only for the punch pass
- Punch passes are not refundable or transferable
- Punch Passes are not valid for Day Camps or Spring Break
- Punch Passes expire the last day of the current school year, regardless of remaining punches

Payment Info

- Cash, Money Order, Check or Visa/MasterCard accepted
- Fees are due on the first business day of each month
- Payments will not be accepted on site
- The fee options (listed below) provided are the **ONLY** options available
- There will be no charge for months of August or June
- The full monthly fees will be charged from Sept. thru May regardless of school holidays/closings.
- A Sibling discount of \$10 per month per child will be applied to accounts of families attending 5 days per week (First child \$100, Second child \$90, Third child \$90, etc.)
- Receipts can be emailed to those who provide an e-mail address. All others will be by request only.
- No fees will be prorated because of non-attendance
- Monthly tuition not received by the last business day of the month will result in dismissal from the program
- Service is subject to suspension/termination for non-payment. All payments/late charges must be made before services can resume or registering for any other RCPR activity

Payment Methods

- Walk In: Payments can be made at the Rockingham County Administration Center
- Mail In: Rockingham County Parks and Recreation 20 East Gay Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802
- Phone In: Parks and Recreation Office by Visa and MasterCard from 8am 5pm. 540-564-3160
- Online: www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/recreation and then click on Registration and Payments
- Auto-Debit: Payments can be automatically withdrawn from your debit or credit card each month. Please complete the auto-debit form attached to the registration forms to enroll in this service. There is no additional fee for this service

Late Payment

- Fees are due on the first business day of each month.
- Late fees will be assessed after the seventh business day of the month.
 - o 1st late payment= \$15 late payment fee per child
 - o 2nd late payment= \$20 late payment fee per child
 - o 3rd late payment= \$30 late payment fee per child
 - o 4th late payment will result in termination from the program

Fees

After School		Before School (MVES Only)			
Days per week	Monthly Fee	Days per week Monthly Fo			
5 4	\$100/\$90 siblings	5 4	\$60		
3	\$75	3	\$45		
2	¢ሮስ	2	\$30		
1	\$50	1	\$30		
Days that are not used during the month will not be carried over to the next month					
	Special Programs				
Punch Pa	Punch Pass: 5 visits - \$50 (See description on page 4 for details)				
Day Camps for Teacher Workdays	\$25 per child	Spring Break Day Camp	\$80-Full Week		
(Dates listed on page 4)	•	(March 30-April 3)	\$25-Daily		

Program Attendance Policy:

Parents must notify the After School Site Director if your child will be absent on a regularly scheduled day. You may call anytime during the day and leave a voice mail on the after school programs' phone number located on page two of this handbook.

Sign In / Sign Out:

To ensure the safety of all our participants, consistent communication between staff and parent and accurate record keeping, we require that parents/authorized persons sign in/out their child each day/time of attendance.

- Participants will only be allowed to leave the program with someone other than the parent/legal guardian if written notification from the parent/legal guardian is provided
- Participants are only to be signed out by an individual listed as an authorized pick up
- All authorized pick up persons must be prepared to show picture identification at time of pick up
- Authorized pick up persons must come into the facility to escort the participant from the afterschool site

Inclement Weather Policy:

(Includes, but is not limited to: snow, tornado, power outage)

Updates can be found at:

- Radio station WSVA
- Other local radio stations
- Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Facebook page
- **Rockingham County Parks and Recreation** Department Office
- Emails may be sent to the ones on file

Circumstances:

Morning Delay	Before School Closed
Early Dismissal (because of weather)	After School Closed
Closed	Before & After School Closed

Refund & Cancellation Policy:

- Payments will not be prorated due to illness, weather, vacation or disciplinary actions, or non-use, etc.
- Requests for withdrawals form must be completed and received prior to the start of the month (form on pg. 12)

Late Pick Up Policy:

All After School and Day Camps close promptly at 6pm. Each participant must be picked up by 6pm. Please arrive on time or make other arrangements for on-time pick up.

Participants not picked up by 6pm will be assessed a late fee of \$5 plus \$1 for each additional minute. Example: Pick up at 6:05pm=\$10 late fee; Pick up at 6:20pm=\$25

If a participant is not picked up by 6:05 p.m., After School staff will call the parent. If the parent cannot be located, the emergency contact persons will be notified. In the event a child has not been picked up by 6:30 p.m., Rockingham County Department of Parks and Recreation will be notified for further instructions.

Late Pick Up Penalties:

1st time: Late fee assessed, verbal warning 2nd time: Late fee assessed, written warning 3rd time: Late fee assessed, 3-day suspension from program

4th time: Late fee assessed, 1-week suspension from program

5th time: Termination from program

Food Policy:

- The After School program provides a light, healthy snack each afternoon.
- If attending a Day Camp or Spring Break, each child should pack a lunch, 2 snacks and
- Please Note: If your child is allergic to certain foods, especially to nuts, it may be beneficial to provide your child with an additional snack in case they cannot eat the snack provided.

Program Schedule:

The After School program is open to children in grades pre-K thru 5th grade. Due to the diversity of grade levels, our After School environment recognizes that all children have different needs; therefore, we incorporate a variety of activities. Where possible, the participants are divided by age for appropriate activities. Typically, groups are divided by grade: Pre-K to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade.

This schedule is an example of a typical day in the After School program and is subject to change.

Sign In-Get settled-Divide groups
<u>Play Time</u> : Active Games, Sports, Fun Fitness (Either in Gym or outdoors)
Nutritional Time: Health Snacks (provided) and education
Homework Time: for those students with homework; Quiet time: for those
students without homework
Creative Time: supervised arts/crafts, drama or music
<u>Project time:</u> task oriented activities for creativity or challenge skills
Kids' Choice Time: Kids choose either creative, play or project time

Dress Code / Personal Belongings:

There is no specific dress requirement for After School but we do ask that your child be dressed in comfortable and practical attire. Tennis shoes are recommended. Although very popular with young children, dress shoes, sandals and cowboy boots are not practical for play and outdoor activities. Children may be asked to sit out an activity because of unsafe/inappropriate footwear.

Please mark everything belonging to your child with your child's name. Children should not bring personal items to the After School program, including toys, electronics, etc. Rockingham County Parks and Recreation will not be responsible for damage or lost items. If they have personal articles, they must be left in their back pack or given to the supervisor upon their arrival.

Sick Child:

Please do not send an ill child to the After School program. If your child was absent from school they cannot attend the After School program. The following are recommendations from the Report of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A child will be excluded from the After School Program when any of the following exists:

- Fever (should be free of fever for 24 hours)
- Vomiting or diarrhea (should be free of both for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Any symptom of the usual childhood diseases-scarlet fever, German measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough
- Common cold at onset
- Sore throat
- Croup
- Any unexplained rash
- Any skin infection boils, ringworm, impetigo, scabies
- Pink eye and other eye infections

Please notify the staff upon diagnosis of a contagious disease. We ask your cooperation in this matter so your child and others will be protected from illness and disease

Medication:

- Medication Authorization form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian if it is
 medically necessary for a participant to have medication on site. This form will be kept in the
 child's records on site.
- Medications must be in the original container with the original, in date prescription label
- Medications are to be given to the supervisor by the parent or guardian with dosage instructions clearly indicated.
- All medications will remain in a locked container at the school.

A written log will be kept by after school staff detailing the dates and times medication was dispensed at school.

Behavior Management Policy:

Before / After School Code of Conduct

- Show respect to all participants, staff and administration
- Refrain from causing harm to others (bodily and verbal)
- Refrain from using foul language
- Show respect of all property including equipment, supplies and facilities

Rockingham County Parks and Recreation reserves the right to call parents/guardians to pick up their child if the child is having difficulty functioning cooperatively with others, is unable to participate in group exercises, or is a threat to the safety of themselves or others.

If the techniques listed in our forms of Behavior Management used do not correct a child's behavior, then the child could be either suspended or permanently removed from our program with less than 24 hours' notice.

Expectations of Parents:

To ensure your child's success in the program and to benefit from their experience in our programs, we require that parents/guardians:

- Review this handbook's basic rules of safety and conduct
- Ensure that both you and your child are aware of and understand all rules and expectations
- Be aware that you may be contacted if your child continues to display poor behavior
- Understand the Behavior Management Policy

Behavior Guidelines for Parents:

*Not limited to the items below

- Address the staff respectfully and courteously
- Horseplay (physical or verbal), fighting, bullying, or rough behavior of any kind is not tolerated
- Use of profanity or obscene gestures will not be tolerated
- Parents are not permitted to address or reprimand another child while in our program
- Smoking and possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are not permitted on the premises
- Dangerous toys or weapons (knives, firearms, sharp objects, etc.) are not permitted

Behavior Guidelines for Kids:

- 1. Safety First
- 2. Keep all body parts to yourself
- 3. Respect others and their property
- 4. Use kind words
- 5. Follow instructions
- 6. Use inside voices
- 7. Staff are not to be climbed on
- 8. You mess it up, you clean it up
- 9. Have a positive attitude
- 10. Have fun

Forms of Behavior Management Used:

- Alternate Behavior Management Techniques: Positive Reinforcement/Natural Consequences, etc.
- Redirection
- Time Out
- Written Discipline Reports
- Written Behavior Plans

Discipline Policy:

1st & 2nd Disciplinary Report=Warning

3rd Disciplinary Report=Parent Conference

4th Disciplinary Report=Suspension or Dismissal from the Program



*Your child may be suspended or dismissed from the program at any time if serious infractions of policy and procedures occur.

The following is a list of behaviors and incidents that will automatically be subject to immediate disciplinary action:

- · Use of profanity
- Inappropriate touching
- Disregard for program rules or staff directions
- Disrespect for authority and other participants
- Displaying obscene gestures or inappropriate attire
- Possession of alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia or weapons
- Defacing property
- Theft or unauthorized possession of other participants, school or facility property
- Acts or threats of violence or bodily/physical harm directed towards staff or other participants

Quick Fact Information Sheet

Payment / Late Fee Info:

- Fees are due on the first business day of each month.
- Late fees will be assessed after the seventh business day of the month NO EXCEPTIONS!
 - 1st late payment= \$15 late payment fee per child 3rd late payment= \$30 late payment fee per child
 - 2nd late payment= \$20 late payment fee per child 4th late payment will result in termination from program
- New payment option for auto debit from your account, fill out information on the registration form.

Early Release Days & Full Day Camps:

- The After School Programs will be open from 1:00-6:00pm on early release days at no additional fee
- Full Day Camps are offered on Teacher Workdays and Spring Break (Additional fees are required. See page 5 of Parent Handbook)

<u>Sites:</u> Cub Run, John Wayland, Mtn. View & John C. Myers <u>Hours:</u> 7:30am – 6pm

<u>Teacher Work Days:</u> October 24, November 3 & 4, January 19, February 13 <u>Spring Break:</u> March 30-April 3

Inclement Weather:

Information found on Local radio stations, Facebook, RCAC office and emails may be sent to the ones on file.

- Morning School Delay: Before School programs are closed
- Early School Dismissal (because of weather): After School programs are closed.
- School Closed: Before and After School programs are closed

Afterschool Phone Numbers:

Please call and leave a message on the Afterschool phone if child will not be attending on a scheduled day.

Cub Run	476-2916	John Wayland	476-2918	Ottobine	879-3406
Fulks Run	476-2919	Lacey Spring	578-1599	Peak View	476-2917
John C. Myers	271-1834	McGaheysville	476-1656	Pleasant Valley	578-6015
		Mtn. View	578-6016		

Reminder:

- Full monthly fees will be charged for December and March. To offset this we do not charge for August or June.
- If you need to increase/decrease the number of days per month your child will be attending the program, please contact the RCPR office at 564-3160. Changes must be made **before** the first day of the month.

Discipline Policy:

1st & 2nd Disciplinary Report=Warning

3rd Disciplinary Report=Parent Conference

4th Disciplinary Report=Suspension or Dismissal from the Program

*Your child may be suspended or dismissed from the program at any time if serious infractions of policy and procedures occur. The following is a list of behaviors and incidents that will automatically be subject to immediate disciplinary action:

- Use of profanity
- Inappropriate touching
- Disregard for program rules or staff directions
- Disrespect for authority and other participants
- Displaying obscene gestures or inappropriate attire
- Possession of alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia or weapons
- Defacing property
- Theft or unauthorized possession of other participants, school or facility property
- Acts or threats of violence or bodily/physical harm directed towards staff or other participants

Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Afterschool Withdrawal Request

Please submit to Parks and Recreation Office

Child(ren)'s Name(s):			
After School Location:			
Last Date of Attendance:			
Do you plan to re-enroll?			
Yes, Date:			
□ No			
4 110			
Reason for withdrawal:			
D		ъ.	
Parent Signature:		Date:	
	In Office Use		
Date Received:		Amount Due:	
☐ Removed from RecTrac	Stair illitiais	Ainount Due.	
☐ Site Notified			
Additional Notes:			
Additional Notes.			

540-564-3160 540-574-5179 (fax) www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/recreation

After School Registration 2014-2015



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION					
□Cub Run □John C. My □Fulks Run □John Way			ntain View bine	□Peak View □Pleasant Valley	
☐ 4 or 5 days/week (\$100/mo) ☐ Tue ☐ 3 days/week (\$75/mo) ☐ We ☐ 1 or 2 day/week (\$50/mo) ☐ The	nday esday dnesday ursday day	☐ 5 or 4 days ☐ 3 days/wee	ol (Mtn. View only) /week (\$60/mo) ek (\$45/mo) /week (\$30/mo)	MondayTuesdayWednesdayThursdayFriday	
Date to Begin Program	☐ 5 Punch Pas	s Purchase (no registration		antity per child	
Child's Name		Birthdate	Grade F	Entering	
Child's Address	T	own State	Zip		
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATI	ON *Custody papers mi	ust be attached if parent	is not allowed to pi	ck up child*	
First Parent/Guardian Name	7 A A	Cell Phone	Home Pho		
Address if different from child		Town	State	Zip	
Email Address		Employer	Work Pho	ne	
Second Parent/Guardian Name		Cell Phone	Home Pho	ne	
Address if different from child		Town	State	Zip	
Email Address		Employer	Work Pho	ne	
Child's Physician		Phone			
List any serious or chronic medical conditions:					
List any allergies child may have:					
List daily medications:					
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION-Two people to contact if parents/guardians cannot be reached.					
First Emergency Contact Name		Cell Phone	Home Pho		
Second Emergency Contact Name		Cell Phone	Home Pho	ne	
Person(s) authorized to pick up child (in addition to parents) Name(s)					
P	erson(s) NOT authori	zed to pick up child.			
Name(s)					

Δ	CR	FFN	AE.	NTS
A	ITN		7 8 8 7.	

Medical

The parent/guardian authorizes the After School Program to obtain immediate medical care if any emergency occurs when he/she cannot be located immediately. The parent(s) guardian agree to inform the program within 24 hours or the next business day after his child or any member of the immediate family has developed a reportable disease, as defined by the State Board of a Health, except for life a threatening disease which must be reported immediately.

Release of Liability

I conse		the County o	by the Rockingham Parks and Recreation Department. I from Rockingham and agents for any and all injuries or losses of Program.
<u>Photo</u>	graphy Release		
			be used in Rockingham County Publications, to include the
Parks a	nd Recreation website, social media and future advertis	sements. The	e child's name will not be used. [_] YES [_] NO
Financ	ial Commitment		
I under			nt, including any late fees. I also acknowledge that I have nd all policies and procedures outlined.
Parent	/Guardian Signature		Date
	Emergency Aler	rt for All	ergic Reaction
	*** FILL OUT ONLY	IF CHILD H	AS ALLERGIES ***
-	d is at risk for a life-threatening allergic reaction	My chi	d had his/her last reaction on the following date:
	Yes		
Ц	No		
My Chil	d has an allergic reaction to:		d had the following symptoms during the reaction:
	Bees		Red, watery eyes
	Latex		Shortness of breath
	Food (Please specify)		Coughing
	Other		Swelling
_			Hives
	check circumstances which reaction could occur:		Dizziness
	Skin contact		Nausea/Vomiting
	Ingestion (eating allergen)		Runny nose
Ц	Inhalation (breathing allergen)		Tightening of throat
-	d's allergy was identified through allergy testing: Yes No	Other_	
		cate which fu	remove stinger, apply ice, observe for 15 minutes and record side rther treatment a health care provider is recommending for your
	re note that 911 will be called if an EpiPen is given or if n** If medication is necessary, please complete the Me		

Additional Notes:

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT INCLEMENT WEATHER FORM

Rockingham County Parks and Recreation Department A	issed due to inclement weather, or any other unforeseen reason, fter School Program will not be open. Please assist your child's school in bottom of this letter. Please remember, due to the confusion and fast pace all parents on early dismissal days.
Child's Name:	Grade: Teacher:
School Attending	
In the event your child's school is unexpectedly dismissed	d early, the child listed above will:
☐ Ride bus(s) number # address: _	
☐ Be picked up-Authorized person(s) for pick up:	Name & Relationship (ie, John Doe, Baby Sitter)
	Phone Number:
	Phone Number:
3) Name:	Phone Number:
These parents or individuals can contact (the school) wit school will only call if warranted by an urgent or emerge	th any urgent questions on early dismissal days (please keep in mind, the ncy situation)
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date:
	ONAL INFORMATION comments that we should be aware of that will provide valuable information
for the After School personnel:	comments that we should be aware of that will provide variable information

***For office use only**

AUTOMATED DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

Child(ren) Names:			
School:			
Attendance: 4 or 5 days/week 3 days/week 1 or 2 day/week			
Fill out the following information if you from your account. Payments will be p		r Afterschool payments automatically decisiness day of each month.	ducted
*** There are no	additional charges or f	fees for using this service. ***	
(Name as it appears on card)			
First	Middle/Initial	Last	
Card Information		oit or credit card debit or credit card	
Expiration Date/	CVC Number (3 c	digit verification code on back of card)	
Amount to be deducted monthly from m	ıy account \$		
and Recreation Department to begin m	naking charges to my debi account information, whi	ount payments) authorize the Rockingham Co pit/credit card for payments. I will contact wich can result in a late fee charge. I under	ct RCPR
Signature		Date:	